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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

November 3, 2015

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

<u>SUBJECT</u>

Recommendation to appoint and set the salary of Michael Nash to serve as Executive Director, Office of Child Protection.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Appoint Michael Nash to the position of Executive Director, Office of Child Protection (UC) at an annual salary of \$240,000, effective January 4, 2016.
- 2. Instruct the Director of Personnel to execute an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to appoint an Executive Director for the Office of Child Protection for the County of Los Angeles and to set the salary for the position for Michael Nash.

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Michael Nash has extensive experience in public sector law and has served as an Appointed Los Angeles Superior Court Judge since 1988; he also served as an Appointed Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge from 1985 to 1988. While serving as a Judge, Mr. Nash's assignments included functioning as a Supervising Judge for the Juvenile Dependency County and a Presiding Judge for Juvenile Court. Prior to that, Mr. Nash served as a Deputy Attorney General for the California Attorney General's Office from 1974 to 1985. As a Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Nash was the coprosecutor in the notorious Hillside Strangler Trial, which was the longest criminal trial in American history and resulted in conviction of the defendant. Mr. Nash has also made multiple appearances before the California Supreme Court on behalf of the State of California.

Mr. Nash has served on many committees and councils including the Judicial Council's Family and Juvenile Advisory Committee, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, and the California Child Welfare Council.

Given Mr. Nash's extensive legal experience, it is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Nash's annual salary of \$240,000, effective upon official appointment to Executive Director, Office of Child Protection.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these recommendations will further the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability to maximize the effectiveness of processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost of the recommended annual salary will be absorbed within the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisor's current budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended salary will provide appropriate compensation to Mr. Nash to perform the duties of Executive Director, Office of Child Protection.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Implementation of these recommendations will provide leadership for the Office of Child Protection.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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